

SOUTH TEXAS CAMPAIGN JUVENILE REFERRALS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

The South Texas Campaign (STC) will implement a corridor-wide strict enforcement policy with regard to juvenile involvement in smuggling crimes.

PURPOSE

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will maximize consequence delivery through existing guidelines for the prosecution and/or administrative removal of unaccompanied juvenile alien smugglers/guides, ultimately resulting in the disruption and degradation of transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) in the South Texas Corridor.

INTENT

Following the apprehension of an unaccompanied juvenile smuggler/guide, sectors throughout the South Texas Corridor will make every attempt necessary to pursue Federal, State or local prosecution. Agents will ensure that the juvenile fully understands that he/she has committed a crime. If prosecution is declined, agents must present the unaccompanied juvenile smuggler/guide to the sector juvenile coordinator for referral to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR). This process will happen instead of granting a voluntary departure to the juvenile's country of citizenship.

PROCEDURES

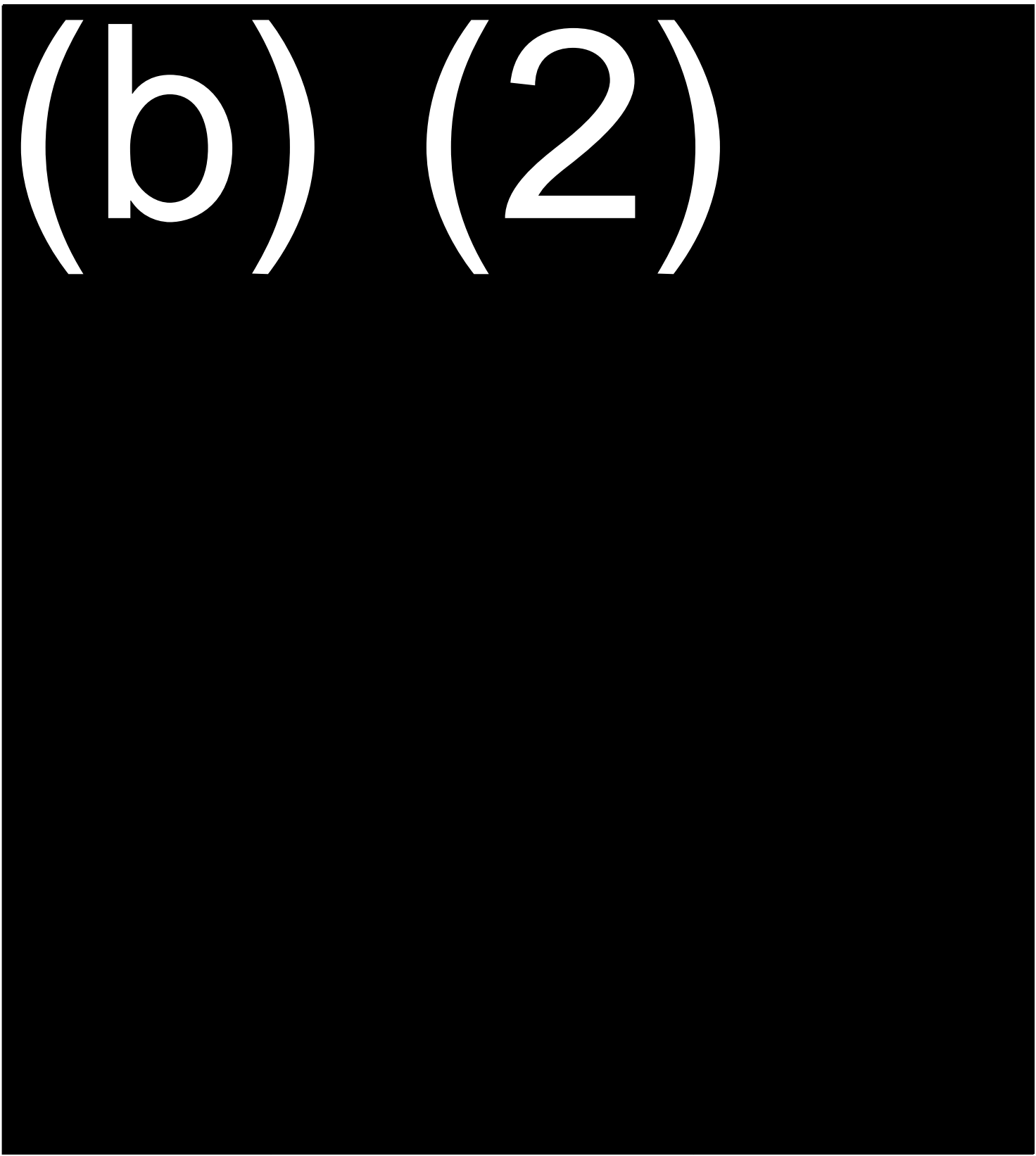
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